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For: IC CARD APPARATUS HAVING PATTERNED INSULATING
                   LAYER FORMED BETWEEN GATE INSULATING FILM AND
                   SEMICONDUCTOR LAYER EXCEPT FOR CHANNEL REGION
                   AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE (AS AMENDED)

Prior Art Unit: 2871

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LETTER

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Sir:

The sole claim originally filed in the above-identified application, claim 1, is

allowed claim 1 of Application No. 09/949,091, and is being submitted as part of the

original application papers for the above-identified application in order to file a proper

non-provisional application as the Continuation Application of Application No.

09/949,091. A Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is to be filed in the above-

identified Continuation Application, including claims to be considered on the merits in

this Continuation Application.

If the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is not in the file of the above-identified application at the time that the Examiner takes up the above-identified Continuation Application for examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned as to the status of such Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is thanked in advance for cooperating with this Request.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 503.38289CC2), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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